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LETTER DATED 30 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 19 to 26 September 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

19 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurna, Busayyah and Artawi.

- At 1935 hours on 19 September 1993, a United States F-16 aircraft dropped 10 heat flares on the Salamiyah area north-east of Mosul.

20 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

21 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

- At 1400 hours on 21 September 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah and Jabayish. It departed at 1634 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

22 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 22 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Qurnah, southern Diwaniyah and Artawi.

23 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Qurnah.

24 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Shatrah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

- At 1246 hours on 24 September 1993, a hostile aircraft dropped five heat flares near the village of Badriyah north of Mosul.

25 September 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on 25 September 1993.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Artawi and Jalibah.

- At 1425 hours on 25 September 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Qurnah, Maymunah and Jabayish. It departed at 1614 hours, heading in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

26 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-8,000, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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